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fane language on the street. One of the witnesses was a pious old ducky, who was submitted to a short cross-examination.

"Did the defendant use improper language while he was beating his horses?" asked the lawyer.

"Well, he talk mighty loud suh."

"Did he indulge in profanity?"

The witness seemed puzzled. The lawyer put the question in another form:

"What I mean, Uncle Aus, is, did he use words that would be proper for your minister to use in a sermon?"

"Oh, yes suh, yes suh," the old man replied, with a grin that revealed the full width of his immense mouth; "but dey'd have to be 'ranged diff'runt."—Ex.

The Vagaries of Pronunciation.—In England they tell of a Scottish advocate who, in a pleading, had several times pronounced the word "enough" as if it were "enow."

"Mr. McIntosh," the judge remarked at length, "you should sound the 'ough' as 'uff—'enuff,' not 'enow.'"

"Verra weel, ma lord," continued the self-possessed pleader, "of this we have said enuff; and I come, ma lord, to the subdivision of the land in dispute. It was apportioned, ma lord, into what, in some parts, including England, would be called pluffland—a pluffland being as much land as a pluffman could pluff in one day, and pluffmen—"

But his lordship could not withstand the ready repartee, and burst into a laugh, saying:

"Pray proceed, Mr. McIntosh, we know 'enow' of the Scottish language to understand your argument."—Ex.

BOOK REVIEWS.

All book reviews are by the Editor-in-Chief unless otherwise expressly stated.

James Madison's Notes of Debates on the Federal Convention of 1787 and Their Relation to a More Perfect Society of Nations—By James Brown Scott, Technical Delegate of the United States to the Second Hague Peace Conference; Member of the Institute of International Law. New York. Oxford University Press. American Branch, 1918. Price \$2.00.

This is an unusually interesting and timely little volume, the perusal of which has given us much pleasure and profit. We are exceedingly glad to know that Mr. Scott proposes in connection with Mr. Galliard Hunt to issue an edition of Madison's notes with va-

rious documents requisite for a correct understanding of the nature and labors of the great convention which framed our Constitution.

This volume is in the nature of a treatise on the Notes themselves and is a very successful effort to show the possibilities of a League of Nations is just as likely to succeed as was the League of the free, sovereign and independent States which formed our Union.

The nature of Mr. Madison's work in preserving for all time the debates in the colossal task which faced our Fathers is described with a sympathetic and appreciative pen and the various steps by which order was evolved out of chaos are detailed in a most ingenious and able manner in connection with an attempt to show that a study of these methods and their results might make the League of Nations as strong and lasting as has been our League of States.

We cannot agree with Mr. Scott in the view he takes of Secession. The right to withdraw from the Union at any time was too clearly indicated in the Ninth and Tenth Amendments, and the right which the State of Virginia expressly reserved to withdraw from the Union in the article ratifying the Constitution was never questioned until submitted to the arbitration of the Sword.

We commend this book most heartily to every one interested alike in the history of the formation of our Government and the formation of the League of Nations.

Annotated Cases—American and English—Containing the Important Cases Selected from the Current American, Canadian and English Reports, Thoroughly Annotated. Editors William M. McKinney and H. Noyes Greene. Ann. Cas. 1918E. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, L. I. N. Y. Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco.

This volume continues the admirable work of this series and amongst other valuable notes we mention the following:

On page 31, The Nature and Extent of Power of United States to Condemn Land. On page 54 a note on Picketing. On page 138, From Whom Recovery May Be Had of Money Lost in Gaming. On page 212, When Interest Is Chargeable on Advancement in Distribution of Testate Estate. On page 387, Necessity of Exacting Compliance with the Iron Safe Clause in Insurance Policies. On page 419, Divorce as Affecting Right of Child to Recover for Death of Parent. On page 915, Construction of Statute Regulating Sale of Liquor on Prescription of Physician. On page 1103, Judgment in Action by or against Individual and Res Adjudicata in Action by Same Person in Representative Character. On page 1218, Validity and Enforceability of Agreement by Parties Interested to Dispense with Probate of Will. One Virginia case, Connecticut Fire Insurance Company vs. W. H. Roberts Lumber Company, 119 Va. 479, is annotated on the question of Fire Insurance Policy as Covering Profits.